



Jerry Lewis comes to SJSU

Challenges critics of his role in MDA

By Mike O'Reilly
Daily staff writer

Jerry Lewis said there is one thing he has always been asked: why does he care and do the things he does for those with muscular dystrophy? The 66-year old comedian and National Chairman of the Muscular Dystrophy Association said, "Why I do it is not important, the importance is that I do."

Lewis describes himself as two different people: the silly comedian and the compassionate human. Both of them spoke to an audience of about 300 in the Loma Prieta room of the Student Union as part of Disability Awareness Day Thursday.

Lewis spoke to the crowd, who welcomed the one time nutty professor to SJSU with screams and a standing ovation, on his involvement with the association, most widely known for its annual Labor Day telethon.

Lewis described his involvement with MDA as very personal and very, passionate. What he does is try to

enunciate that passion he has for this cause, so that he can help in some way. And for what he does, Lewis said he has received far more than anyone could figure in any paycheck.

Lewis said that with the admiration he has received because of the way he presents the disabled with pity. He spent much time addressing these accusations.

"I defend nothing," he said. "What I do, I do for all the right reasons."

It is difficult for anyone not to come under attack when that person speaks out either for or against something, Lewis said. He also said it is very difficult for him to go on television each year and ask for donations.

What he does, he said, benefits 87 million people. He described those who spoke out against him as a group of 20 idiots.

Lewis asked the audience if he should stop helping those who have

come to be known as "Jerry's Kids" because of that criticism.

"I play to those 87 million on Labor Day and not those 20," said Lewis in a voice choked with anger.

"And when those people stop watching and supporting, then I will stop."

Whenever Lewis' compassionate human personality would get too serious on a subject, Lewis the comedian would take over the podium.

"Why does a cow wear a bell?" he asked. "Because his horns don't work."

Although many of his jokes did not rise much higher than a grammar school level, the world-renowned comedian generated bursts of laughter from the audience.

Lewis said the growth of the association has been tremendous since its start in 1943, when all they had was one office, one secretary and one pathologist. Today, Lewis said, the MDA has been named one of the top

10 best-managed organizations in the world.

Lewis said the first telethon the MDA held in 1950 only earned \$15,000, and he and one time partner, Dean Martin, had donated \$4,000 of that total. From that meager beginning, Lewis said, the MDA has earned more than \$1.3 billion to date.

"Our researchers have said that we will have a cure before my 70th birthday, and that is in four years," Lewis announced triumphantly to the crowd.

Pat Gustke, a travel writer who was diagnosed with a rare form of limb girdle (one of the 40 types of muscular dystrophy) 35 years ago, said it was delightful to see and hear Lewis in person.

"People do not realize all of what the MDA does for people," Gustke said.

Mick Pugmire, 51, who came from Concord pay his respects to Lewis, agreed. "The MDA got me this wheelchair and paid for two surgeries," Pugmire said.

Lewis said he is described as a compassionate man, a comedic genius and an idiot depending on whom you talk to, and that's OK with him. He said he has been put here to attract attention to neurological diseases through idiocy.

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Jerry Lewis
Entertainer, MDA National Chairman



Sheila Dawkins — Daily staff photographer

Jerry Lewis thanks Luis Duarte for the gift of an SJSU jersey.

40% hike goes to Senate floor

By Les Mahler
Daily staff writer

SACRAMENTO — In a surprise 2-0 vote, Thursday, the State Senate subcommittee on Fiscal and Budget Review recommended approval of the 40 percent increase in student fees for the CSU system.

With Senator Becky Morgan, R-Menlo Park, absent, it was the surprise vote of Sen. Nicholas Petris, D-Oakland, that moved the piece of legislation on to the full Senate.

In the Senate, the 40 percent increase in student fees is expected to pass easily and become part of the Senate's budget package.

The approval of the 40 percent fee hike is the second piece of bad news coming out of Sacramento for students in two days.

On Wednesday, the Senate killed a bill by Senator Art Torres, D-Los Angeles, which would have capped the fees at 10 percent.

Torres' bill would have limited the fee hike to 10 percent by forcing anything above that to be taken out of the state budget.

Although the 40 percent increase in fees is now closer to Senate approval, it is expected to go through a tough fight when it comes to a reading in a joint conference of both the Senate and Assembly.

That round is expected to take place April 23.

Nicholas had been expected to cast a no vote on the 40 percent increase, thereby stalling it at 1-1, and delaying any more action until the legislators return from their spring break.

But his yes vote caught members of the California State Student Association by surprise.

"We're shocked. Absolutely shocked," said Liz Fenton, legislative activist for CSSA.

"We had no indication that he would vote for the 40 percent," Fenton said.

The 40 percent increase had been requested by Gov. Pete Wilson after facing a second year of massive budget deficits.

With the 40 percent increase, the CSU system is expected to pull in \$116 million, leaving it short by about another \$84 million.

Petris said he was reluctant to vote

for the increase, but given the financial situation facing the state and the CSU system, there was nothing left to do.

"What can I tell the students?" Petris asked.

"What's the number of improvements? Is it 40 percent?" he asked.

Petris and Senator Gary Hart, D-Fairfield, were dismayed with testimony from Molly Broad, senior vice chancellor for the CSU, that the increase would only fund 20 percent of the classes cut from last year.

"I'd like to have some assurance that the money would be put where it's going to do the greatest good," Hart said.

CSU officials presented figures showing that only part of the money would be devoted to restoring courses cut.

Petris and Hart requested assurance from CSU officials that more than the scheduled 4,700 out of 8,000-9,000 classes cut would be restored.

"If we take this action, what makes it barely bearable to me ... is that not all the courses would be reestablished," Hart said.

Broad told the committee that the budget presented to the committee did not reflect a number of mandatory priorities "that cannot be avoided and are built into the budget."

"This is what makes the problem so difficult," Broad said.

"Our priority is to serve the students," Broad said. "I want to assure the committee that's our priority."

But Senator Hart said he wanted assurance from the CSU members that the money is going to be used for restoration of classes cut.

"Increase the \$20 million to \$35 million, \$40 million. Get as close to restoration as possible," Hart said.

"I've agonized over this for a long time," Petris said before voting. "It is with great reluctance that I'm going to vote with Senator Hart on this motion."

Outside the committee chambers, Jeff Chang, legislative director for CSSA said he was disappointed with the outcome.

"We laid out the options," Chang said.

The next plan of action for CSSA, according to Chang, is to fight it out when it goes to the joint Assembly



Scott Sady — Daily staff photographer

Jaime Carbajal is being released by SJPd after being detained in front of the 7th St. garage in a case of mistaken identity

Four men held in SJPd error

By Adele Gallucci
Daily staff writer

The traffic in front of the Seventh Street parking garage was congested more than usual Thursday afternoon, but this time by San Jose Police Department patrol cars.

According to witness Ken McCain, the officers pointed guns at four occupants of a gray Buick Regal sedan, pulled them out of the car and handcuffed them. They did not resist, McCain said.

The four Hispanic men were detained and subsequently released when police officers deter-

mined the car they were driving and their physical descriptions did not match those of suspects sought for recent residential armed robberies, according to Sgt. Mike Fehr.

The men were driving along Seventh Street where they were stopped by police officers at approximately 3 p.m., according to McCain, an SJSU senior majoring in film and photography.

They were detained, pending information from the Detective Bureau.

Fehr said the men were legally detained, arrested based on reasonable and probable cause, and released after it had been determined there

was no further reason to hold them.

Teodoro Carbajal pointed out the marks that were left by the handcuffs on his brother Jaime's wrists.

University Police Department officials provided traffic control throughout the incident. SJPd officers on the scene filled out field interview cards and took photographs of the men.

"They just pulled us over, and we don't know why," said Teodoro who was visibly shaken by the experience. He said that he, a brother, a friend and a cousin were simply heading back from the Department of Motor Vehicles.

Supervisor Nolan comes to SJSU as Gay Pride Week keynote speaker

By Smita Patel
Daily staff writer

If Tom Nolan wins the congressional race for the 14th district, he will be the first openly gay man to be elected to the national legislature in the history of the United States of America.

While there are gays currently serving in Congress, they revealed their sexual orientation only after being elected. The openly gay San Mateo County supervisor, who is running for the seat vacated by Rep. Tom Campbell, R-Stanford, spoke at SJSU as part of the Gay Pride week celebrations.

Nolan addressed a group of eight students in the engineering building Thursday about issues ranging from progress made by gays and lesbians to problems of transportation and education facing California today.

"There's a lot of activity going on in the gay and lesbian com-

munity," he said. "I think the people should be given credit."

Nolan spoke informally to the small group of students who clustered around him in one corner of the Engineering auditorium.

Nolan came into the limelight as author of the controversial law which requires mandatory spaying or neutering of pets in San Mateo County. He said the nation needs to give health care and education top priority.

"The thing that has been missing is the political will," he said. "We've known how to solve these problems for years."

Nolan said he was scheduled to meet with San Francisco Mayor Frank Jordan to discuss the expansion of public transportation.

"Bart will be connected by rail to the San Francisco International Airport by the year 2003, and Amtrak will takeover the railway from San Francisco to San Jose and Morgan Hill," he said.

"I've made a political career so far out of dealing with difficult

problems we would rather ignore," he said.

Nolan said the gay community had been occupied so far with dealing with the AIDS crisis, but is now beginning to turn its energies in other directions as well.

"I'm convinced that what's come largely out of our community will help shape the face of America in the next century," he said.

Nolan said the way the gay and lesbian community has united to address AIDS would shape future U.S. health-care policy.

Though he opposes the forcible outing of gays in most cases, Nolan said he felt society benefited from more people publicly identifying themselves as gay. "I think it's been very helpful to San Mateo County that the gay community is openly represented," he said.

"In my view this system will work best when everybody is at

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EDITORIAL

Voters get all shook up over Elvis Presley stamp

Don't be cruel:
vote for the
young Elvis

At last, hope soothes the country's heartbreak as the name of one qualified candidate finally appears on ballots this week.

One man with widespread national popularity. One with strength but possessing loving and tender leadership qualities.

One we can support without hesitation — the young Elvis.

In a more important decision than for leader of Associated Students or head of SJSU or, to be sure, even for president of these United States, the choice for the perfect stamp is in the thoughts of the civic-minded and postal-conscious.

More citizens will probably care about and take time to vote in this race than in any of the others. After all, ballots are available in People Magazine. There's sure to be a tidal wave of response.

As voters carefully ponder the two

versions of the one man, we felt an endorsement was in order to guide those still undecided.

And because there's a valid candidate in this competition, as opposed to the races previously mentioned, we feel overwhelmed with confidence in this action.

Indeed, the choice for a politically and socially correct stamp is clear, simply by the process of elimination.

The "mature" version of Elvis is thoroughly inappropriate. It's an icon for excess and substance abuse, for Las Vegas glitz and hard living — not acceptable in this age of economy and uplifted health awareness.

But the vibrance and freshness of youth in the "young Elvis" option express '90s ideals. He's unspoiled, free from worldliness and depravity.

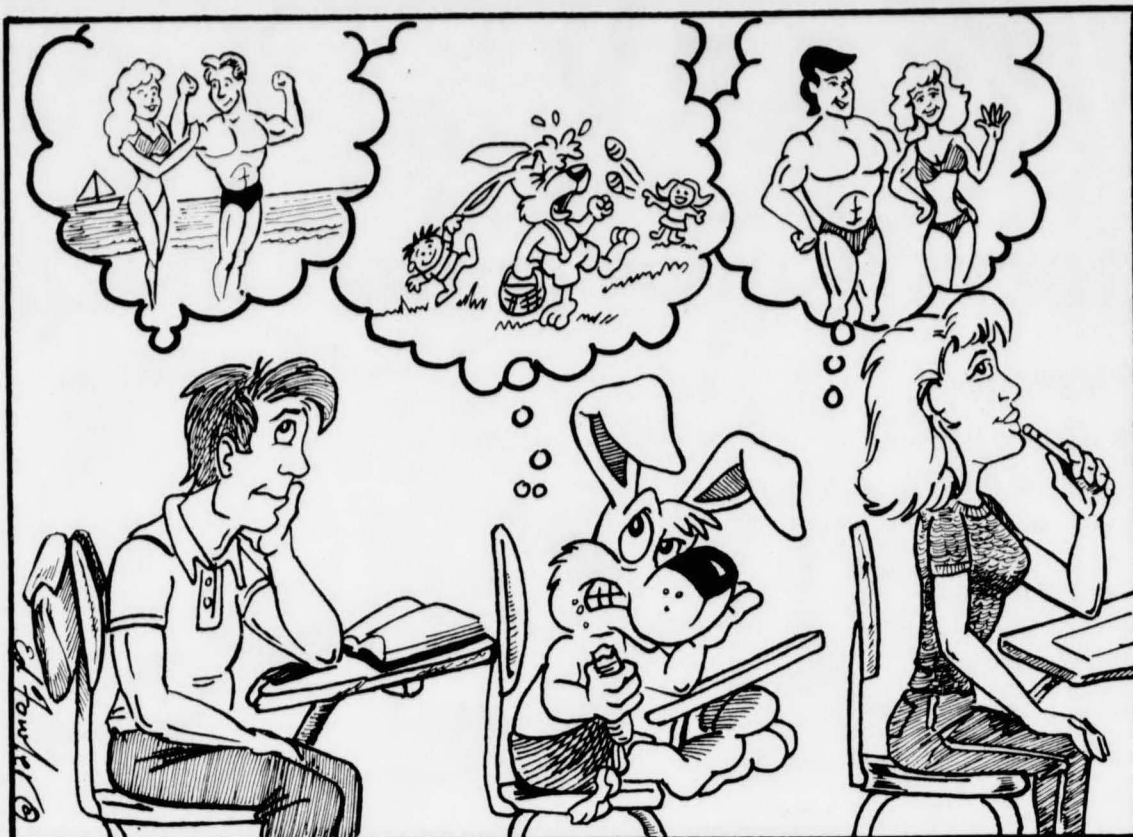
The perfect candidate.

Too bad he's not eligible for one of those presidential positions. He's only minus one key qualification — a pulse.

Although it's been rumored he's alive and slinging chow mein in the Student Union cafeteria, he has yet to come forward and declare his candidacy for anything other than postage.

But a stamp's good enough for now.

There's still time. Be sure and crowd in those votes for the young Elvis so he won't be lonesome tonight.



Ed Fowler — Spartan Daily

IN THE CATBIRD SEAT

Ellie Molloy

Life with father was lonely for only child

Lonely time. That's the way it was growing up as an only child, but I devised innumerable ways to keep myself company, determined some day that if I ever had children I'd definitely create more than one tiny tot. Now, with three daughters notched on my achievement belt, I should be free from the only-child burden.

Guess again.

I'm alone with a major problem. My dad, now 87, is suffering from senile dementia. He's frail, forgetful, sometimes incontinent and able to care for himself only with the help of neighbors. He's 3,000 miles away in Brooklyn, New York, where I grew up. Still feisty, though. When we failed to communicate recently, he said, "To hell with you."

"I know why you were so glad to leave for California," my divorced mom commiserated not long ago. "You were able to get far away from your father."

There are no brothers or sisters for me to share the dilemma of how to deal with this elderly man with the confrontational personality. Sicilian patriarch type. Don't ever disagree with him. He racked up bucks in his younger years by carrying on his father's business—loan-sharking. Door-to-door on weekends went the man with the accounting ledger collecting high interest on loans. "They love me," my father would say of his victims. When I caught on to this line of work, I protested. "How do you think I'm going to send you to college?" he shot back, making me the guilty party.

Dad spent normal work hours, though, plying his trade as a history-political science teacher at Lafayette High School in Brooklyn. He loved to teach and he loved politics. One of his students, though, kept falling asleep in class. "I asked him one day," my dad told me, "What's the matter? Am I that boring?" Well, it turns out the kid sings in a nightclub in the evenings to make a few extra dollars and he's exhausted when he comes to class, so we worked out a deal: if he can stay awake at least during my

class, I'll pass him. Forget the homework and class participation."

Well, at least at times dad showed a compassionate heart.

Money loomed over many conversations I remember. "Always be good to your relatives," he advised when I was 11. "Then they'll leave you their money when they die." I stayed reticent and removed from grandparents, aunts and uncles for years worrying about being

neighbors, though, are not overjoyed. Dad occasionally forgets to turn off the water faucets, and the folks in the apartment downstairs have been flooded twice. That means a new paint and wallpaper job. They have complained vociferously to the apartment manager who is also not amused when dad forgets to pay the rent.

Then, of course, I have to listen to dad tell me what a great husband he was to my mother, whom he treated with sadistic

cruelty. "When's my dinner going to be ready?" he'd yell when she had just walked in the door after a day at work. He, of course, had driven the round trip to his job leaving her to walk some 18 city blocks to Fort Hamilton High School, where she taught math and secretarial studies. In the winter months, my mom flung herself daily into high wind and bitter cold and often snow and sleet to get to her job after providing my dad with a substantial breakfast.

It's just me and him, now. I'm OK when he's mean-spirited talking about my mom or about my oldest daughter, who defied his wishes and married a man of color (Hawaiian-Filipino descent). "I cut her off," he says of whatever money he might leave behind, "for marrying that black man." My anger triggers the why-should-I-care-about-this-man? syndrome which has been my defense mechanism for decades.

But watching him shuffle toward me, barely able to walk, obviously pleased with my company, although puzzled as to who I am, brings out a decidedly different emotion. He's my dad, for better or for worse. For the first time ever I am able to hold his hand, both of us at peace with each other. I'll do the best I can to make his last days on this earth as pleasant as possible. He wants to live and die in the place he's known for over 40 years. I don't want him in a nursing home, I don't want him declared incompetent. I'm his only child.

And he's the only dad I'll ever have.

Ellie Molloy is a Daily staff columnist. Her column appears every Friday.

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too nice. I wasn't panting for the green stuff.

My body type was another source of embarrassment. Short and chubby, living out my early teen-age years on a diet of chocolate bars and ice cream, the eventual result became all too apparent. My father was short on subtlety: "You look like the fat lady at Coney Island," he told me one day. I was too hurt to respond, hiding tears of anguish.

There were fun times, though. Like sitting before the living room television set watching the Brooklyn Dodgers play, but with the sound turned off. Two radios in the room set at different volumes gave us the New York Yankees and New York Giants games. The idea was to keep track of what was going on on all three playing fields. We had a ball.

But this man made enemies over the years. So much so that my Uncle Anthony, my dad's brother, told me recently: "Don't call me when he dies. I don't want to know."

No help there.

No help anywhere. So it's me back in Brooklyn trying to work things out so he can remain in his apartment where he and his cat, Mimi, are fairly happy. Some

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Consistency, please

Editor,

In response to Ted Comerford's column on Thursday, I would like to ask for some consistency. Comerford repeatedly uses derogatory and unfounded terms toward Christians. First of all, I have owned several Bibles in my life and I can never recall "thumping" it, nor have I seen another Christian "thump" his Bible.

But, more seriously, the words Nazi and Christian are used in combination. These two beliefs are diametrically opposed to each other. Hitler tells us to kill Jews, while Christ tells us to love one another. I'm sure Mr. Comerford does not appreciate the title, "faggot." In the same way, I'm a little upset at being referred to as a "Nazi." All I demand is some consistency!

Next, Comerford talks about the Bible

and poses the question as to which version of the Bible an individual prescribes to. Having a little knowledge in this area, I would like to challenge Mr. Comerford to find a legitimately translated version of the Bible where the fundamental message is different. I've never seen one.

Finally, Comerford refers directly and indirectly to Christian "oppression." I ask, in what way have Christians oppressed anyone? All I know is that wherever the message of Jesus Christ has gone, lives have changed for the better, unity has been achieved, and once-hostile individuals have become vessels of love. How do I know? I'm one of them. If this is oppression, then I don't know what oppression is. If anything, Mr. Comerford's article is oppressive.

Michael Weeks
Sophomore
Social science

Corruption in A.S.

Editor,

The following statement was made by Students United for Accessible Education Vice President, Dan Feinstein, at the Associated Students election candidate's forum held March 19. The statement was followed by a walkout of SUAE members:

Students United for Accessible Education will not be participating in today's so-called forum. We have decided not to follow "tradition" because this tradition has failed to produce A.S. governments that really represent the students. SUAE is demanding real change and we must begin this change now, by not participating in this sham organized by the election board.

SUAE wants to engage in a real face-to-face debate with our opponents. And, more importantly, we want to hear questions from the students, not from a panel selected by the election board. It should be noted

that members of this election board belong to the same fraternities and sororities as some of the candidates. This conflict of interest is obvious.

Today's event is not only corrupt, but also helps create extreme student apathy because it keeps the students uninvolved. We, as SUAE, choose not to be passive players in this cynical political game. We therefore ask all students, and any interested candidates, to help us organize a TRUE open forum, where students will have access to the candidates. The SUAE party now leaves this gathering to do something real in empowering the students by continuing our voter registration drive.

Dan Feinstein
Vice President, SUAE
Senior, RTVF studies

Juan Haro
President, SUAE
Junior, Criminology

CORRECTION

Due to a reporter's error Thursday's paper incorrectly listed some facility hours in "Spring break — what's open, what's not."

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TODAY

CATHOLIC NEWMAN COMMUNITY: "Family Night" dinner and discussion, Campus Christian Center (corner of 10th and San Carlos streets) 7 p.m., call 298-0204.

CHINESE CAMPUS: Panel discussion, S.U. Guadalupe Room 2:30 p.m. to p.m., call 293-2881.

GALA: GAY, LESBIAN AND BISEXUAL ALLIANCE: National day of action against ROTC, TBA. call 236-2002.

SOCIETY OF LATINO ENGINEERS AND SCIENTISTS: General meeting ENG 358, 12:30 p.m., call 251-6950.

SOCIETY OF WOMEN ENGINEERS: "Tech Center Tour," meet in the lobby of the Engineering Building, 1:30 p.m., call 983-2981.

SATURDAY 11

BETA ALPHA PSI/VITA: Free income tax assistance, BC 309, 12 p.m. to 4 p.m., 924-3492.

CAMBODIAN STUDENT ASSOCIATION: Cambodian New Year, Y.B. High, 1855 Lucretia Ave., 8 a.m. to 12 a.m., call 292-7334.

SUNDAY 12

CATHOLIC NEWMAN COMMUNITY: Sunday masses, Campus Christian Center Chapel (corner of 10th and San Carlos streets), 6 p.m., St. Joseph's Cathedral (corner of San Fernando and Market streets), 8 p.m., call 298-0204.

JEWISH STUDENT UNION: General Meeting, campus ministry (corner of 10th and San Carlos streets), 7:30 p.m., call 45-1770.

MONDAY 13

ALCOHOLICS ANONYMOUS: Spartan serenity big book meeting, ADM 222B, 12:30 p.m., call 924-5945.

SUNDAY 19

CATHOLIC NEWMAN COMMUNITY: Sunday masses, Campus Christian Center Chapel (corner of 10th and San Carlos streets), 6 p.m., St. Joseph's Cathedral (corner of San Fernando and Market streets), 8 p.m., call 298-0204.

MONDAY 20

SOCIETY OF MANUFACTURING ENGINEERS: General meeting, IS 241, 11:30 a.m., call 246-1064.

Six honored at disability awards

By Dorothy Klavins
Daily staff writer

The doors of the University Club were open wide to welcome not only the warm spring sun but also the 130 people who arrived to celebrate the annual disability awards on Wednesday.

Martin Schuler, director of SJSU's Disabled Student Services department, welcomed the crowd. This year is the 20th anniversary of the organization and its 15th award ceremony.

Jerry Brody, interim vice president of student affairs, presented the awards.

"This is a very joyous occasion, and it's a personal pleasure to be here myself," Brody said.

Twenty-nine individuals were nominated to receive certificates. Six nominees were singled out by the organization for outstanding personal or educational achievement at SJSU.

Christopher Figone, a business major and Lance Dawson, who is studying communications, each won a \$500 scholarship. Dawson, who has a 3.94 grade-point average, was also awarded an additional \$250 by the Golden Key National Honor Society.

"Every little bit helps," Dawson joked. His mother held tight to his arm. "She's very proud," he said, "and so is my girlfriend."

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Steven Millner
SJSU professor of Afro-American studies

Jan Elix received the Outstanding Alumnus Award. Elix is a program specialist with the Office of Therapeutic Services of the city of San Jose.

"It's good to be back," she said. Elix has helped to set up recreation programs for the disabled.

The Outstanding Faculty Award was presented to Steven Millner, SJSU professor of Afro-American studies. He was recognized for his unselfish encouragement and responsiveness to the needs of students with disabilities.

"I am overjoyed and flattered. This is one of the best days of my career," said Millner. "They inspire me."

Dan A. Sanidad, an Educational Opportunity Program reading specialist, received the Outstanding

Staff Award for his strong support and assistance in procuring services for students with disabilities.

Paul Kramer, a history major who stepped in as vice president of the Disabled Students Association when the position became vacant, was awarded the Student Leadership Award.

Although DSS staff members are not eligible for awards, special recognition was given to Donna Ellis, advisement and outreach coordinator for DSS, and James Jhao, a computer technician. Jhao was nominated by the students for his help in adapting computer equipment.

"This was a surprise," he said. "I guess I should look at my mail," he laughed.

The African American Faculty and Staff Association awarded John Robinson, a senior in computer science, its award for academic achievement and tenacity in pursuing his degree.

SJSU's chapter of the Delta Zeta sorority presented a scholarship, using money raised from a rock-a-thon on campus, to William Walker, a social science major. Delta Zeta's award honors an outstanding student who is deaf or hearing-impaired.

"They are fully deserving of anything that comes their way," said Jean Jackson, clinic coordinator for the Center for Communication Disorders. "They are very positive people."

Sex is risky business for 1 out of 5 high schoolers

ATLANTA (AP) — American high school students are playing "Russian roulette" with AIDS, with the typical student having sex by age 16 and one in five having four or more partners, researchers said Thursday.

The national Centers for Disease Control reported that 19 percent of U.S. high school students have had four or more sex partners, and 29 percent by senior year.

Only a moderate number of sexually active students are protecting themselves against AIDS and other sexually-transmitted diseases, the CDC said. Of students surveyed who had engaged in sex in the three preceding months, only 45 percent reported using condoms. Among the students with four partners or more, it was only 41 percent.

The nationwide survey, conducted in 1990, shows "a substantial proportion of students engage in behaviors

that place them at risk for HIV infection," the CDC concluded.

"The best way to explain it to kids is that it's like playing Russian roulette and not knowing how many live bullets are in the chambers," said Dr. Lloyd Kolbe, director of the CDC's Division of Adolescent and School Health. "If you pull the trigger once, it can cause you to become infected."

A 1970 survey of females ages 15-19 found 29 percent had had sex; by 1990, it was 54 percent, Kolbe said.

Studies are under way, but it's too early to tell if teen-age sexual behavior has changed since November, when basketball superstar Magic Johnson announced he has the AIDS virus, Kolbe said. More than 11,000 students were surveyed in all 50 states, Washington, D.C., Puerto Rico and the Virgin Islands. Margin of error was about 2 percentage points.

Rain forest lesson told in 'Fern Gully'

(AP) — "Fern Gully, The Last Rainforest" is a beautifully animated fable that tries to do two things: tell a good story and teach a lesson about the rain forest's destruction. It succeeds far better at the first.

Based on the stories of the Australian writer Diana Young, "Fern Gully" tells what happens when loggers equipped with an impossibly enormous tree-cutting and wood-eating machine penetrate the rain forest.

Some outstanding performances and a lively, all-star pop soundtrack enliven the simple story.

Robin Williams provides brilliant comic relief as the whacky Batty Koda, a hapless bat whose sonar and brain are addled by a tiny radio that humans have attached to him.

Cheech Marin and Tommy Chong portray the wisecracking Beetle Boys, and the rapper Tone-Loc is heard as the lizard-like Goanna.

The general nuttiness these characters inject saves "Fern Gully" from degenerating into a New Age paean to the environment.

The rain forest is depicted in inviting blues, greens and aquamarines, with foreground detail giving way to a rich wash of background colors.

The residents of this inviting locale are a variety of insect-sized magical creatures led by a young winged fairy named Crysta, who is being tutored in the ways of the forest.

Crysta possesses magical powers and is fascinated with human beings. She learns very quickly that that can be dangerous, as she ventures out of the rain forest in search of humans only to narrowly escape being devoured by a rapacious bird.

The story begins to unfold when Zak, a teen-ager with a summer job at a logging company, is mistakenly shrunk to fairy size by Crysta, who hasn't quite learned to control her powers.

Zak learns about the forest as the logging machine moves inexorably toward Fern Gully, setting up a final confrontation over the survival of Crysta's forest home.

The moral seems to be that the rain forests are worth saving because they are full of friendly, fairylike creatures.

That wouldn't be a bad lesson for children who had never heard of the rain forest. But many children are becoming more sophisticated about environmental issues.

"Fern Gully" should have delivered a slightly more subtle message without compromising its value as entertainment.

The animation in "Fern Gully" is not quite up to Disney standards, but it comes close.

The movie will not notably enlighten children or adults about the problems of the rain forest, but it does provide delightful entertainment.

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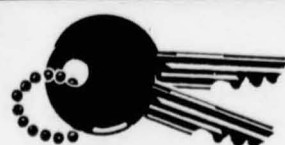
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SJSU salts Banana Slugs

By Dorothy Klavins
Daily staff writer

The SJSU women's tennis team slowed the UC-Santa Cruz Banana Slugs to a slither, beating them 6 to 3 on Tuesday.

With assistant coach Dave King encouraging her to stay focused, No. 1 seed Noi Meksavanh picked up her game in the second and third sets to beat UC-Santa Cruz's Kristen Dean, 2-6, 6-4, 6-1.

Up 4-0 in the third set, Meksavanh was covering the entire court, while her opponent Dean, struggled with her backhand. Receiving serve for the match, the hot afternoon sun had not slowed Meksavanh's game, as she continued to run her opponent.

"Dave (King) was helping me and talking to me," Meksavanh said. "I couldn't concentrate in the first match because I ate lunch and was feeling a little sick."

"When it comes to focusing, this is the best match Noi played all year," King said.

Julie Williams, the No. 4 seed for SJSU, likes the hot weather and took advantage of the heat to slow down the long rallies and outlast the Slugs' Stacey Shirley, 6-2, 6-4.

"I wasn't hitting the ball as hard as I could — I had to play more consistently, because she got everything back," Williams said.

Another Spartan who was aware of the heat was No. 5 seed Tisha Hiraishi. "I didn't want to go three sets," Hiraishi said. She hung in to beat Santa Cruz's Renee Chi, 6-3, 7-6 (7-5). Up 5-0 in the first set, Hiraishi said she had a mental letdown and had to fight to concentrate. "I started off good and fast but she got better and better," Hiraishi said.

No. 2 seed Janell Nickell didn't let the heat or her concentration bother her as she breezed by Santa Cruz's Sarah Enders, 6-2, 6-2.

In the only singles match lost to Santa Cruz, the Slugs' No. 3 seed Judy Parker had no trouble beating Spartan Lyn Cadigal, 6-1, 6-2. "I felt like I wasn't playing my game. She had a good reach, and there were no long rallies," Cadigal said.

In the deciding doubles match, SJSU's team of Meksavanh/Cadigal beat Santa Cruz's Chi/Herzog, 6-1, 6-3.

The remaining doubles matches were won by Santa Cruz. The Spartans' Nickell/Taylor struggled through three tough sets to lose 6-7 (15-13), 6-2, 7-6 (7-3) to the Slugs' Enders/Dean.

SJSU's Williams/Hiraishi also went three sets, falling to Santa Cruz's Shirley/Parker 6-2, 2-6, 7-5.

The women's tennis team has a record of 8-7 and takes on the St. Mary's Gaels today at the South Campus tennis courts at 2 p.m.



Nathan Souza — Daily staff photographer

Jennifer Taylor slams a shot against UCSC

Men's gymnastic team heads to NCAA Regionals

By Faye Wells
Daily staff writer

Ted Edwards, SJSU men's gymnastics coach, likes to take his whole team to a meet.

Though only some members qualified for Saturday's NCAA Regionals at the University of New Mexico at Albuquerque, all are going.

"I don't like to leave anybody behind," Edwards said Tuesday.

"I believe in continuity."

Mikel Irizar qualified as all-around gymnast. The sophomore from Bilbao, Spain, will perform on all six of the men's events: floor exercise, pommel horse, parallel bars, rings, vault and high bar.

But Irizar won't go alone. Seven teammates will also go to compete in individual events.

"It's a marvelous thing because we've got the whole team in there cheering for each other," said Edwards. "I think it means a lot to the guys."

"For my part I've put a slogan on this one," he said.

"It's nines and the nationals," he said.

Junior Troy Stewart and freshman Eric Christensen have qualified for the floor exercise.

Consistently high scores qualified junior Ron Hagen for the pommel horse.

Also participating in that event are freshman Brant Kolp and senior Bruce Holcomb.

Junior Mike Young returns to the rings after an injury sidelined him for two meets.

Stewart also will compete on the rings and is the only Spartan qualifier for the vault.

Stewart, Hagen, Holcomb and freshman Brian Matchett will compete on the parallel bars, one of the Spartans' stronger events this season. Matchett and Stewart will perform on the high bar.

Making the regionals is one thing; making the nationals another, according to Edwards.

The regionals choose the top 10 teams first, then the top six all-around individual gymnasts, then the highest-scoring six on each event, Edwards said.

The nationals take the top four teams from the regionals, the top five all-around gymnasts, then the five-highest scorers on each event.

"We've got three guys who, if they do what they're capable of doing, could make the nationals," Edwards said.

Hagen's three-meet average is 9.62 on the pommel horse, another strong event for the Spartans.

"If he can score 9.6 or 9.65, there's a very good chance that he will qualify for the nationals," Edwards said.

Irizar has an advantage because he is competing all around, but the parallel bars have been his most consistent event, Edwards said.

But success depends on the quality of his meet.

Stewart's 9.65 on the high bar showed he could "put it together." If he scores that well again, he also has a chance for the nationals.

"We go to this meet reasonably hopeful," Edwards said.

"For the rest of the guys it's good experience that will put them in good stead for the years to come."

It's a marvelous thing because we've got the whole team in there cheering for each other.

Ted Edwards
SJSU men's gymnastics coach

By Minerva Panlilio
Special to the Daily

Greg Andersen, Fresno State's top-seeded player, called SJSU's Brandon Coupe practically everynight for the past week to remind his good friend that he was going to beat him.

On Wednesday, the two friends slugged it out at the South Campus tennis courts as their schools collided in a Big West Conference match.

Andersen and Coupe, who have played in tournaments together, battled a close match. But in the end, Andersen's prediction came true by the score of 6-4, 6-7, 6-3. The Bulldogs clinched the match 5-1.

At the No. 2 seed, Derek Del Rosario lost what Spartan Coach John Hubbell called a "heartbreaker."

Del Rosario was down a service break 5-3 in the third set to Steve Jack-

son. He then broke back and held his serve to even things up at 5-5. Jackson, though, would prevail 4-6, 6-2, 7-6.

In the other matches, Nais Koitka defeated Spartan Jimmy Yamanaka 7-6, 6-4 at the No. 3 seed and at No. 5, Yuval Bauman was shut out by the Bulldog's Mike Noel 6-0, 6-0. Fresno's final win came in the sixth-seeded match with Andy Stewart victorious over Mauricio Cordova 6-2, 6-2.

The Spartans' lone win was earned by No. 4 seed Ryan Edwards. Edwards continued his winning streak by beating Peter Kilnovski in straight sets 7-6, 6-4.

"My game is to basically come in and put the ball away," Edwards said. "Ryan is taking advantage of what he does well," Hubbell said.

"His confidence has risen. When you start winning, it builds on itself. Overall, I thought we played well,"

Hubbell said. "Fresno was just a little better than we are. They have three seniors who have been in and out of the top rankings."

Pioneers fall off their wagons against Spartans

By Dorothy Klavins
Daily staff writer

The SJSU men's tennis team rustled the Hayward State Pioneers capturing the match 5 games to 1.

Jimmy Yamanaka, the Spartans' No. 4 seed, was the first one off the courts, claiming the swirling afternoon wind helped him to beat Hayward's John Hendrickson 6-1, 6-1.

"The wind helped me," he said.

Taking only a little longer, the No. 2 seed Derek Del Rosario chased down shots all over the court to defeat Jason Gilbert 6-2, 6-2. "I was serving good," Del Rosario said.

No. 1 seed Brandon Coupe coming off a long three-set loss yesterday to Fresno State used crisp volleys to put away Alex Habendorf 6-4, 6-1.

"I had a lot more energy today," Coupe said.

SJSU's Ryan Edwards, currently seeded No. 3, continued to have a winning season — winning his last 13 matches. He easily galloped over the Pioneers' Jason Wittwer 6-1, 6-1.

"I'm playing really well and my volleying is good," said Ryan.

Edwards spent most of Thursday's match at the net, fending off the strokes of his mismatched opponent.

The last time he lost a match was against UOP on March 10.

The wind picked up as the afternoon continued, swirling the dust off the courts.

"The balls bounced higher and I needed to concentrate," said Mauricio Cordova, the No. 5 seed.

The second set slipped away from Cordova as his opponent came out strong after his easy first set win.

But Cordova came back in the third set to win 6-1, 2-6, 6-0 against Hayward's Greg McLean. "The support of the coach helped a lot," Cordova said.

The only Spartan that dropped a match was sixth-seeded Yuval Bauman who struggled through three sets against Brian Allen losing 4-6, 6-3, 0-6.

The match was decided by the third set which featured Allen playing the net forcing Bauman to make winning shots. Allen shut out Bauman, ending the match.

"A lot of the guys found out what they need to work on," head coach John Hubbell said, as he talked about the season which ends with a game on Monday against Utah State's Aggies.

"In tennis you have to know how to bounce back after a loss," he said.

Hubbell explained that tennis is one of those sports that has a long list of games often played back-to-back so a player has to be able to concentrate on the game at hand.

"All a coach can ask is the guys work as hard as they can," Hubbell said. "Most of these guys had good work ethics." The Spartans' overall record now stands at 7-11, and their Big West record is 1-4.

Fresno State Bulldogs attack men's tennis 5-1

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Scott Sady — Daily staff photographer

Roy Stevens a homeless man stands in front of a house on 6th St. and Washington

Students blast city for lack of homes

By Atoosa Savarnejad
Daily staff writer

The SJSU Student Homeless Alliance wants to prove to San Jose that they know the city administrators have the power to alleviate homelessness but won't take the initiative to do it.

In a press conference held Thursday afternoon at an abandoned San Jose apartment complex, members of SHA said the city has the resources but lacks the motivation to provide low-income housing.

"The city doesn't have the incentive because, one: building low-income housing is not profitable; two: they don't want to integrate poor people into the downtown area," SHA President Scott Wagers said.

SHA held Thursday's press conference outside the fenced-off, burned-out housing units to symbolize the kind of housing that could be available to homeless families in San Jose.

"We're trying to make (the city)

aware that there are homes like this. Homeless people could buy it and refurbish it and live in it," SHA member Gail Osmer said.

Despite their effort to negotiate some kind of interim shelter for the 500 homeless who were displaced after the closure of the National Guard Armory on April 1, the city rejected SHA's idea to make the abandoned Gold's Gym behind the De Anza Hotel a temporary shelter.

Now they are down to proposal number two: targeting abandoned homes in San Jose and turning them into transitional housing, said SHA member Nancy Nichols.

Last Wednesday, members of SHA were arrested for pitching a tent city outside of City Hall and refusing to leave after being warned by the police. They were released a few hours later.

The city did come up with about 50 emergency shelter beds for the homeless, but those will be discontinued next week, Wagers said.

Wagers said there had not been any

rigorous effort by the city to provide permanent housing or alternatives for the homeless.

"The largest-growing section of homeless are families. The incentive has to be human," he said.

Some neighbors expressed a concern for the abandoned home, which continues to be a fire hazard.

"They should level that out and do anything else with it. It's a nice big beautiful lot and it's going to waste," said Henry Sotello who lives across the street from the abandoned complex.

Sotello, an alumni of SJSU who has been living there for more than 30 years, said he wouldn't mind having the homeless as neighbors as long as they did not cause any trouble.

"This will be a good place for the homeless, provided they are 'good' homeless," he said.

No city officials were present at the press conference.

Will Alaska/Cal water plan work?

ANCHORAGE, Alaska (AP) — A lot of people laughed at the idea of an Alaska-to-California water pipeline. But that hasn't dissuaded some dreamers in both states from proposing another method of transferring Alaska water to thirsty Southern California: giant bags.

A venture company in California wants to pump fresh water from rivers in Southeast Alaska into huge nylon bags that would float like fabric islands and be towed some 2,000 miles away to California.

Paying customers there would turn on their taps to let Alaska's water flow. Each island could be as big as the tankers that haul crude oil from the trans-Alaska pipeline terminal at Valdez, according to Sun Belt Water Inc. of Santa Barbara, Calif. The company has applied to Alaska for annual rights to more than 100 billion gallons of Alaska water.

Ric Davidge, Alaska's director of water, likes the idea.

"At first I thought it was Star Wars stuff," Davidge said. "It sounds fantastic. But when you start doing your homework and look at the numbers, this stuff is real."

Sun Belt proposes to sell the water it buys from Alaska to California

water utilities struggling to meet demand.

Davidge said the plan is a natural for Alaska, where lucrative oil reserves are in decline but where huge water riches remain largely untapped.

With more than 40 percent of the nation's freshwater resources, Alaska discharges some 326 trillion gallons of water into the ocean each year, said Davidge, citing U.S. Geological Survey data.

Davidge, appointed by Gov. Walter J. Hickel last year to head the state's new water division, is pushing legislation this year that would allow the state to charge major water users, including exporters, up to \$1 per acre foot of water (about 325,000 gallons).

Last year, Hickel pushed for construction of an undersea water pipeline to California, but a congressional study trashed the spendy notion as, well, something of a pipe dream. They cited technological, economic and environmental difficulties.

So how about those big water balloons?

Sun Belt has asked Alaska for permission to fill bags at Orchard Lake, near Ketchikan, and at the Snettisham hydroelectric plant, about 30 miles southeast of Juneau.

The water would be filtered, purified with chlorine and loaded into the bag, which would float because fresh water is lighter than salt water, said Robert Byrd, the company's president.

A tugboat would take it down the coast at a speed of maybe 3 knots. A typical bag might be 1,000 feet long, 60 feet deep, 250 feet wide and hold 72 million gallons of water, said James Cran, president of Medusa Corp., a Calgary, Canada, company that is developing prototypes.

That's enough water to supply about 400 average homes with water for a year.

The main problem, Byrd and Cran say, is persuading California water authorities to consider buying the water and finding the million-dollar backing for a test run.

"The perception is, this is just a flaky idea," said Byrd, who earned a master's degree in ocean engineering from the University of Alaska Fairbanks.

Maybe some small coastal communities isolated from California's main supply lines would be interested in Alaska water, but probably not the big metro areas, said Duane Georgeson, assistant general manager at Metropolitan Water District.

Nolan:

From Front Page

the table with no artificial barriers between them, such as race or sex or being gay or straight."

Nolan, who is in his eighth year as a supervisor, said the country had reached a critical juncture in history.

"(We have to answer the question,) how are we going to live together in peace on this fragile planet," he said.

Some of the students in attendance were wearing the pink triangle once used by Nazis to designate homosexuals.

"We use it like an in-your-face kind of thing," said Ted Comerford, a student who attended the event.

Organizers blamed the low turnout on the fact that the event's time and location had been changed several times to accommodate Nolan's schedule and Jerry Lewis' appearance at SJSU.

Teen opens condom store for kids

SAN DIEGO (AP) — Wearing a giant plastic condom on her head and braces on her teeth, Tonja Robertson is a teen-ager who's not shy about talking safe sex.

The 19-year-old opened her own prophylactic store — Condom Kiss — in a bustling commercial strip in San Diego in December.

Boasting a brightly colored sign that reads, "The Safe Sex Store for the '90s," Condom Kiss attempts to attract a young, sexually active clientele with glow-in-the-dark condoms, lollipop-like condoms and a host of other youth-oriented products.

Teen-agers don't feel comfortable buying condoms under the watchful eyes of adults in supermarkets or drug-stores, Robertson says. That's why she felt adolescents needed a contraceptive store that caters to them.

"This place is fun, and we can take our time and look around," said 15-year-old Alissa Vermeers of La Jolla, who came to the store with her 13-

year-old sister, Julie. "We already know about all this stuff anyway."

Although the store is breaking even each month, and Robertson expects to make a profit by June, she is planning for another career, in fashion.

She's a sophomore at The Fashion Institute of Design & Merchandising in San Diego.

The beginnings of Robertson's idea came when, disenchanted with high school, she joined a home-study program. She made friends with others in the program, many of whom were pregnant teen-age girls.

"Right now I have a friend who's pregnant and doesn't want to be," Robertson said. "But it's her own fault. She didn't protect herself. That's what the Condom Kiss is all about, taking care of yourself."

Robertson, who was raised Catholic, hopes she'll be able to prevent unwanted pregnancies and lessen the threat of teen-agers contracting HIV, the virus that causes AIDS.



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